

281—65.21(279) Requests for Reconsideration. A disappointed applicant who has not been approved for funding may file a Request for Reconsideration with the director of the department in writing within ten days of the decision to decline to award a grant. In order to be considered by the director, the request shall be based upon one of the following grounds:

1. The decision process was conducted in violation of statute or rule;
2. The decision violated state or federal law, policy, or rule (to be cited in the request);
3. The decision process involved a conflict of interest.

Within 20 days of filing a Request for Reconsideration, the requester shall submit all written documentation, evidence, or argument in support of the request. The director shall notify the department of the request and shall provide the department an opportunity to defend its decision by submitting written documentation, evidence, or argument within 20 days of receipt of the request. The department shall provide copies of all documents to the requester at the time the items are submitted to the director.

The director shall issue a decision granting or denying the Request for Reconsideration within 30 days of the receipt of the evidence, or no later than 60 days from the date of Request for Reconsideration, unless a later date is agreeable to the requester and the department.